

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A computerized file management system for use with an existing file system, that includes a volume, and for managing electronic files on one or more ~~the~~ volume[[s]], the file management system comprising:

a volume manager configured to ~~that~~ manage[[s]] the electronic files on the volume and to manage metadata relating to ~~such~~ the electronic files on the one or more volume[[s]]; and

a coherency manager module coupled to the volume manager and configured to manage at least one of i) a version of a selected file of the electronic files and ii) a relationship of the selected file, to another file based on the metadata associated with the selected file; and

an organization module configured to organize ~~means for organizing~~ the electronic files based on the metadata;

wherein the metadata includes a tag comprising a name/value pair describing an attribute of the selected file,

wherein the metadata includes automatically generated metadata and user defined metadata.

2. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a user interface configured to enable ~~that enables~~ a user to view and manage, within the file management system, the metadata associated with the electronic files, the user interface:

being configured to graphically displaying information about the files and the metadata; and

being configured to enabling the user to manipulate the files and the metadata.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The system of claim 3 2, wherein the user interface is configured to enable ~~comprises means for enabling~~ a user to view the tag[[s]].

6. (Currently amended) The system of claim 3 1, wherein the selected file[[s are]] is classified and organized by the ~~one or more~~ tag[[s]].

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein representations of a single file can appear in more than one folder.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising folders to facilitate the categorization of content, wherein the name of a folder is used to perform a query to dynamically determine contents of the folder.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising metadata associated with the folders
10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the metadata associated with the folders comprises one or more tags associated with at least one of the folders.
11. (Currently amended) The system of claim 10, wherein the one or more tags is at least one of ~~comprises~~ a name and a value.
12. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising folders to facilitate the categorization of content, wherein the folders include dynamic folders.
13. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising folders to facilitate the categorization of content, wherein the folders are automatically updated in real time.
14. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising folders to facilitate the categorization of content, wherein the folders are persistent.
15. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising folders to facilitate the categorization of content, wherein the folders include various folder types including one or more of Query, Search, Merge, Magnetic, and Typed.

16. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising folders to facilitate the categorization of content, wherein the folders include Query folders, wherein the Query folders perform queries based on tags that encapsulate search criteria and matching objects are associated with the Query folder.
17. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising folders to facilitate the categorization of content, wherein the folders include Search folders, wherein the Search folders perform free text searches and wherein matching objects are associated with the folder.
18. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~23~~ 17, wherein the Search folders are integrated with at least one search engine.
19. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising folders to facilitate the categorization of content, wherein the folders include Merge folders that combine content of two or more other folders.
20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the folders are combined using Boolean logic or otherwise.
21. (Original) The system of claim 19, further comprising a merge list of folders to be merged.

22. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the merge occurs in real-time.
23. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein changes in related folders results in changes to the Merge folder.
24. (Original) The system of claim 19, further comprising the use of a combination of Query and Search Folders with Merge Folders.
25. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising folders to facilitate the categorization of content, wherein the folders include Magnetic folders that disable removal if a file ever matches a query associated with the folder.
26. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising folders to facilitate the categorization of content, wherein the folders include Typed folders that only store and retain certain types of files.
27. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the volume manager is configured to manage ~~manages~~ folders and metadata relating to such folders on the one or more ~~one or~~ volume[[s]].
28. (Currently amended) The system of claim 27, wherein the volume manager is configured to include ~~includes~~ a slot object that manages information associated with a name of a file or folder.

29. (Currently amended) The system of claim 27, wherein the volume manager is configured to include ~~includes~~ an entry object that manages at least one of a tag and an attribute of a selected one of the folders, ~~an associated file or folder~~.

30. (Currently amended) The system of claim 27, wherein the volume manager is configured to maintain ~~maintains~~ a slot object and entry object for each file or the folder on the ~~one or more~~ volume[[s]].

31. (Currently amended) The system of claim 30, wherein the slot object manages information associated with a name of the file or the folder.

32. (Currently amended) The system of claim 30, wherein the entry object manages at least one of a tag and an attribute of the file or the folder.

33. (Currently amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the ~~one or more~~ tag[[s]] is used to maintain relationships among the electronic files.

34. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising an XML interface through which information associated with the files can be extracted.

35. (Original) The system of claim 34, further comprising an XML interface through which metadata associated with the files can be extracted.